

effects of the said article appearing on the carton label and in the accompanying circular, were false and fraudulent, since it contained no ingredient or combination of ingredients capable of producing the effects claimed.

On May 27, 1930, no appearance having been had in the case, a decree was entered by the court ordering that the product be destroyed by the United States marshal.

ARTHUR M. HYDE, *Secretary of Agriculture.*

17471. Misbranding of Sannette. U. S. v. 2 Dozen Packages of Sannette. Default decree of destruction entered. (F. & D. No. 21403. I. S. No. 3459-x. S. No. C-5264.)

Samples of a drug product known as Sannette having been found to bear in the labeling certain curative and therapeutic claims not justified by its composition, the Secretary of Agriculture reported to the United States attorney for the District of Minnesota the presence of a quantity of the product at Minneapolis, Minn., from the interstate shipment herein described.

On November 23, 1926, the United States attorney filed in the District Court of the United States for the District of Minnesota a libel praying seizure and condemnation of 2 dozen packages of Sannette, remaining in the original unbroken packages at Minneapolis, Minn., alleging that the article had been shipped by the Sannette Chemical Co., from Cincinnati, Ohio, on or about September 25, 1926, and had been transported from the State of Ohio into the State of Minnesota, and charging misbranding in violation of the food and drugs act as amended.

Analysis of a sample of the article by this department showed that it consisted essentially of zinc salts, alum, boric acid, and small amounts of menthol, phenol and methyl salicylate. Bacteriological examination showed that the article was not antiseptic in the dilutions recommended.

It was alleged in the libel that the article was misbranded in that the following statements regarding the curative and therapeutic effects of the said article, appearing in the labeling, were false and fraudulent, since it contained no ingredient or combination of ingredients capable of producing the effects claimed: (Seal) "Healing * * * Antiseptic;" (package label) "Antiseptic * * * Prepared especially for vaginal douche. Superior to Bichlorid, Permanganate of Potash or the Cresol compounds. Indications—Leukorrhea, gonorrhea, vaginitis, vulvitis, metritis, cervicitis, etc. Relieves any condition characterized by odor, inflammation or discharge. * * * Directions—As a douche: One teaspoonful of the powder to two quarts of warm water;" (circular accompanying shipment) "Antiseptic. * * * antiseptic * * * It provides the elements necessary to make a mild antiseptic solution * * * Antiseptic * * * antiseptic * * * antiseptic * * * a high germicidal value * * * full germicidal value. * * * the superiority of Sannette * * * efficacious * * * In the treatment of all forms of uterine, cervical and vaginal inflammation, all authorities agree on the beneficial effects of the warm vaginal irrigation. Pus, mucous, shreds, and all the products of inflammation are washed out. * * * the * * * healing effect of Sannette solution is extremely grateful. The powder in solution is of great value in the treatment of all inflammation of the female generative tract, including acute and chronic metritis. Indeed, in these conditions the use of Sannette solution as an intra-uterine irrigation is of marked effect. In cervicitis and vaginitis, regardless of the aetiological factors, Sannette solution is beneficial and materially aids the physician in his treatment of these conditions. In leukorrhea and gonorrhea the Sannette douche is extremely useful. The excoriating and acrid discharge * * * is removed. The germicidal action of Sannette solution tends to prevent the further invasion of the pathogenic bacteria, corrects the intensely alkaline reaction, and removes the products of inflammation. * * * Sannette will prove of great value in the treatment of these conditions, * * * of a mildly antiseptic * * * nature * * * The physician is urged to advise the use of Sannette in these cases. Its mild antiseptic properties * * * will be appreciated * * * One teaspoonful of Sannette to two quarts of warm water is the requisite strength for the douche."

On April 10, 1930, no claimant having appeared for the property, judgment was entered by the court ordering that the product be destroyed by the United States marshal.

ARTHUR M. HYDE, *Secretary of Agriculture.*